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You are the owner of a large department store or employ hundreds of men in a factory. You have a manager and superintendents of departments who see to it that all work is done properly, and business is transacted correctly; in fact you entrust the thousands of dollars you have invested in stock and plant to their care, capability and honesty. And should your manager or one of your superintendents prove dishonest or recreant in any degree to your interests, you would "fire" him, wouldn't you? Now, in comparison, wherein is there any difference between an individual dishonest act or disqualification through incompetency, on the part of your manager or superintendent whom you hire to fill a position of trust and that of the official whom you elect to a position of public trust? You are bound to allow there is none whatever, except the public official is serving the interests of others while he is serving yours, and dishonesty or incompetency on his part would affect in addition to you, these others he represents in his official capacity. But you and others who gave him his position by voting for him, cannot "fire" him, and he can pursue his incompetent work or continue his dishonest acts to the expiration of his term of office. Does it not appeal to you that the other fellows and you, who do the hiring of this official by voting for him, should be given power in law to oust him for incompetency or dishonesty? It is just that the people should have the power to recall the dishonest official. He is not tolerated in private business affairs and should not be in public affairs.

Senator C. J. Smith has introduced a bill that with its passage will be of considerable importance to Umatilla county. The bill is calendared in the senate as No. 13, and provides for the manner of payment of county warrants in Umatilla county, to regulate the rate of interest thereon and to provide for public notice by the County Treasurer when he has funds to redeem outstanding orders, and to provide a penalty for the failure of the County Treasurer to perform his duties under the act. With the enactment of this bill into a law, the influence of banks in the election of the County Treasurer will be eliminated, for the reason that the official will not be permitted to carry a large surplus of county funds on deposit. The text of the measure follows:
Section 1. The County Treasurer of Umatilla county shall pay all orders of the County Clerk when presented, if there be money in the treasury for that purpose, and write on the face of such order the date of redemption and his signature. If there be no funds to pay such order when presented he shall endorse thereon "Not paid for want of funds" and the date of such

presentment over his signature, which shall entitle order thenceforth to draw interest at the rate of five per cent per annum; provided, that such interest shall cease from the date of notice by publication in some newspaper printed or circulated in his county to be given by the County Treasurer that there are funds to redeem such outstanding orders, which notice such treasurer shall give when he has as much as one thousand five hundred dollars in the county fund. Any County Treasurer failing to comply with the requirements of this section for the period of ten days shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars.

Say! A railroad monopoly exists in Oregon. An investigation by the interstate commerce commission at Portland, last week, developed this astounding fact. For fifteen years the newspapers of the state have been mauling this intelligence into the minds of the dear people, and the commission had a dead easy job down in Portland. But the job is not yet completed—that is by the commission. It is now up to it to give us a remedy for the evil.

"BACK TO THE LAND."
This cry goes up with growing earnestness, in Great Britain and in France, as statesmen discern more clearly the evils which already attend the over-concentration of population in manufacturing and mercantile centers, and even greater ones which wait upon the future. It is seen that the end of manufacturing growth will be reached in the glutting of the world's markets through over-production. That already Europe faces a "yellow peril" in the industrial competition of Asiatic races, which may be as disastrous to European manufacturing supremacy as a war. That the attractions of the cities draw the rural population as does a brilliant flame the moths—the end, destruction. M. Meline, the former prime minister of France, is described in the Boston Transcript as being especially active in measures for holding the rural population to the farms, by making country life more attractive, by improving the rural public schools, and by encouraging the formation of co-operative societies among the farmers, for cheapening transportation, economizing labor and securing from the middlemen for the producer a larger share of the profits on his products. The writer in the Transcript regards this co-operative movement as the most important of all the instrumentalities at work to keep population "on the land." The societies in 1903 numbered 600,000 members, and their successes were marked.

In Great Britain, John Burns, as president of the Local Government Board, is making strenuous efforts for the relief of the congested population of cities. The sympathy of the Liberal party is with him, and the ministry is endeavoring to pass a measure for the benefit of tenant farmers, which in effect proclaims "that the farmer and his men, the bone and sinew of the rural regions of the country, should no longer be forced to live on the sufferance of great landlords whose idea of their land is that it is primarily intended for their sport." Lord Carrington, speaking for the ministry, recently declared that the great object and ambition of the government is that it "shall not come to an end without having done something to get the people back to the land, two or three or four, back to the land where at present there is only one." And the prime minister declares that the land must become "less the pleasure ground of the rich, and more the treasure house of the nation."—Maxwell's Talisman.

WALL STREET OPPOSES HIM.
We imagine that the real vigor of the opposition to Mr. Cortelyou will diminish, if not, indeed, disappear, with the sudden departure for Europe of Mr. James Stillman, of the City

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All the charges bandied about in relation to Mr. Cortelyou's appointment to the Treasury have been dishonest and disingenuous, and have been inspired by disreputable motives. Not one of them would bear investigation, or if looked into, would reflect in the slightest degree upon his fitness for the Secretaryship or upon his ability to perform his duties. Mr. Roosevelt has long meditated Mr. Cortelyou for the place; and The Sun long since and when many matters were vastly different, gave its hearty approval to the selection. It believed then as it believes now that a better man cannot be found, or one who possesses more exceptional qualifications; and there is only one regret worth mentioning, and that is that he was not installed there long ago.

We entertain very well defined ideas about the Secretaryship of the Treasury. We would like to see the office wholly taken away from Wall Street influence and from personal relation with individual banking interests; and we should like also to see its duties discharged without any solicitude on the incumbent's part for his own political advancement. Mr. Cortelyou we take to be the kind of man who will realize those aspirations and win the respect and enjoy the confidence of the whole people.—New York Sun.

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